कल्याण मंत्री (श्री बलवन्त सिंह रामूवालिया): (क) से (ङ) संबंधित राज्य सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी।

Automobile Export

169. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether automobile exports during 1995-96 recorded a negative growth of about 2% compared to an impressive growth of 50% achieve in 1994-95;

(b) if so, the actual exports of automobiles during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(c) what are the main reasons for the decline in exports in 1995-96?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The exports of automobiles during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 has been 1,27,342 nos., 1,78,756 nos. and 1,93,944 nos. respectively.

(c) Does not arise.

Foreign investment proposals

170. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foreign investment proposals have been approved so far during the current year;

(b) if so, the foreign investment envisaged under such approved proposals;

(c) the total employment likely to be generated; and

(d) The details of such proposals approved for Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) During the current year i.e. from 1.1.96 to 31.5.96, 583 proposals have been approved envisaging foreign direct investment of Rs. 11616.38 crores.

(c) Data on employment generation with specific linkage to foreign direct investment is not centrally maintained.

(d) The details of such proposals viz. name of the Indian company, name and country of foreign collaborator, equity/investment involved, item of manufacture/activity are published by the Indian Investment Centre as a supplement to the Monthly Newsletter and copies of these are regularly supplied to the Parliament Library.

Directive issued by S.C. to Curb the Child Labour

171. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any directive by the Supreme Court to inform the Court by 18th March, 1996, about the steps taken to curb the child labour in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government had informed the Supreme Court the steps taken in this regard;

(c) what are the details provided to Supreme Court by Government; and

(d) whether any further directive was issued by the Supreme Court in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Government representation on Expert Committee on Tobacco

172. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no representative of his Ministry on the Expert Committee on Tobacco;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof; and

(c) whether Government will press for inclusion of his Ministry's representative on the Expert Committee on Tobacco?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Expert Committee on Tobacco constituted by the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare will be supported in conducting the study by information supplied by the concerned departments of the Government including the Ministry of Labour. Moreover, an opportunity has been provided to the representatives of Farmers and Tobacco Growers Associations, Trade Unions and Beedi Industry Associations to express their views on the proposed legislation singly or jointly before the Deputy Director General of Health Services for bringing the same to the notice of the Government.

Failure in depositing PF money by Super Bazar

173. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the management of Super Bazar have failed to deposit provident fund money realised from the workers;

(b) if so, grade-wise amount so far collected and contributed in Super Bazar in last three years, year-wise; and

(c) reasons for such failures?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) to (c) It has been reported by the Super Bazar Delhi that they are regularly depositing the employees subscription to Provident Fund together with the employer's contribution with the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (RPFC), Delhi. The details in this regard are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Employee's subscription	Employer's contribution	Amount deposited with RPFC, Delhi
1993-94	57.48	57.48	114.96
1994-95	63.19	63.19	126.38
1995-96	73.90	73.90	146.24

During 1995-96, there is a shortfall of Rs. 1.56 lakh in the deposits. This was mainly due to regularisation of some workers with retrospective effect in compliance with a court order. It has been further reported that the balance amount has since been deposited by them. As regards maintenance of grade-wise accounts, it has been reported by the Super Bazar that grade-wise provident fund accounts are not maintained.

Abolition of levy on sugar

174. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the levy on sugar has been abolished by Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and its effect on common man; and

(c) which are the major organisations and associations which have opposed this move and those which have supported this?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI DEVENDRA PRASAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

वृद्धों, अपंगों और विधवाओं को पेंशन

175. **श्री महेश्वर सिंह:** क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश भर में वृद्ध तथा अपंग व्यक्तियों और विधवाओं को पेंशन प्रदान करने के लिए राज्य सरकारों ने अपने-अपने स्तर पर भिन्न-भिन्न दरें और मापदंड तय किए हैं;